

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Jeffrey Wilusz et al. Examiner: D. Lambertson, Ph.D.  
Application No.: 09/955,462 Group Art Unit: 1636  
Confirmation No.: 7730 Docket: 1368-18-RCE  
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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR REPRODUCING AND MODULATING  
MAMMALIAN MESSENGER RNA DECAPPING

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued March 8, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 8, 2004 Office Action was due June 8, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond. The fee for a one-month extension of time is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00), and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a one-month extension of time, a response is now due July 8, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

